

increased, whether the money value shows it or not. In giving the business in kind from the ports I have mentioned, I have added, where I could, the money value.

"To conclude my answer to this question, I will adopt the same method I did last year. The ascertained value of the business of this City and Black Rock done on the Erie canal and which came from and went on to the lakes, is a little short of - - - - - \$10,000,000

"To which add the immense quantities of building materials, coal, raw materials for our manufactures, provisions of all kinds for the supply of this city and local markets, nearly the whole of which come from the lakes, and the large business done on the rail-roads and other sources to and from the lakes may, with great safety, be placed at - - - - - 10,000,000

Making a total of - - - - - \$50,000,000 as the amount of commerce of this port alone; to which must be added the amount done through all the other ports on the lakes, and the large amount of intermediate commerce between the different ports, all of which I consider equal in amount to that done through Buffalo, the whole forming an aggregate of \$100,000,000 as the money value of the commerce of the upper lakes in 1846, against \$66,000,000 in 1845; and this without taking into account the large sums of money carried over the lakes either year. A great increase has also taken place on lake Ontario this year. In 1845 it was estimated at \$15,000,000; for '46, it may with safety be put at \$18,000,000."

"Question 3d.—*The kind of Craft used, Steam Boats, Propellers, Sailing Craft, and tonnage?*"